

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-23 (canceled).

24. (previously presented) A removable elastic positioning appliance comprising:

a shell having a hollow cavity shaped to receive and reposition teeth from a first orientation to a successive orientation, the shell having at least one protrusion disposed along an edge of the hollow cavity, which protrusion contacts at least one received tooth to assist in holding the appliance in position, wherein the at least one protrusion comprises a continuous protrusion disposed along said edge which is configured to contact one or more teeth along the gingival margin and interdental areas.

25. (previously presented) An appliance as in claim 24, further comprising at least one additional protrusion configured to contact the interdental area.

Claims 26-27 (canceled).

28. (original) An appliance as in claim 24, wherein the at least one protrusion is mountable on the appliance.